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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

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MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

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MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Detroit News: Labor Voices: Swift: Pay attention to Mich. Supreme Court

Karla Swift writes "In an election year, it is easy to forget that we have three co-equal branches of government. During a heated presidential campaign, it can seem like only the executive matters.... But the courts seldom get the kind of attention that they deserve as interpreter and arbitrator of our laws."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Union president: After pay cut, Detroit cops looking elsewhere

"The day after a Wayne Circuit Judge upheld a 10 percent pay cut for Detroit police officers, some city cops are looking south for greener — and more lucrative — pastures.... On Tuesday, Wayne Circuit Judge Kathleen McDonald upheld the city's 10 percent pay cut and other benefit cuts to police officers. [Union President Joe] Duncan said the union will petition the Michigan Court of Appeals to reverse the decision."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge to students: Practicing law is a privilege; Says lawyers must have a reputation for keeping their word

"Law professionals must maintain an honorable character every day, no matter the circumstances, Washtenaw County District Court Judge Cedric Simpson told new law students at Cooley Law School's Ann Arbor campus last week."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Cooley Law School starts fall semester with Professionalism in Action

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Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Barkey Family Tribute announced

"The Genesee County Bar Foundation is pleased to announce a tribute to honor the legal achievements of Walter J. Barkey, Brian M. Barkey, and Hon. Jennie E. Barkey. The Barkey family has served the Genesee County community in ways both legal and philanthropic."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Retrospective: Revered judge reflects on 'priceless' experiences

"Judge Damon J. Keith, now in his 45th year on the federal bench, has been asked to give countless speeches during his illustrious legal career. In particular, he has been a sought-after speaker by scores of colleges, including a host of Ivy League schools and other prominent universities across the nation."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Flint-Genesee County Legal News article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News.

Grand Rapids Legal News: MI Supreme Court and trial judges get award for jury innovations

"Michigan's comprehensive jury reforms, and the 12 trial court judges who tested them, are being honored along with the Michigan Supreme Court by the National Center for State Courts."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

NATIONAL JURY INNOVATION AWARD HONORS MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT, TRIAL COURT JUDGES FOR MICHIGAN JURY REFORM PROJECT

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Flint Journal: Overcrowding emergency: About 175 inmates to be freed from Genesee County Jail

"The county has declared a jail overcrowding emergency for the first time since 2007, a move that will trigger the release of about 175 inmates in the next two weeks.... Judges and the sheriff narrowly averted an overcrowding emergency just last month but the facility has been chronically overcrowded almost since it opened in 1989."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Judge does not allow Jerry Watson Jr. to leave state for treatment

"For the second time, a judge prohibited Jerry Watson Jr. from going to an in-patient substance abuse treatment facility in California. Circuit Judge Susan Beebe on Tuesday denied such a request, Assistant Prosecutor Jake Dickerson said. In August, District Judge R. Darryl Mazur did the same, ordering Watson to remain in Jackson County."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Former district court clerk charged with embezzlement ordered to stand trial in Van Buren County

"A Michigan Supreme Court auditor who reviewed Van Buren County District Court financial records earlier this year said Tuesday she found six separate instances of irregularities.... After hearing from [Renate] Anderson and one other witness Tuesday, Van Buren County Circuit Judge Paul E. Hamre ordered [Denise] Williamson to stand trial as charged."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Mayes: Library dedication to honor Michigan's 'Eternal General

"It may have been the unlikeliest political dynasty ever. In the 125 years prior to Frank Kelley's appointment in 1961, Michigan had 49 attorneys general. None stayed long, with the average term lasting 2½ years. Then Kelley — who today is being honored in a dedication of the renovated Frank J. Kelley Law Library in the G. Mennen Williams Building — refused to remove his foot from the revolving door."

[Full story](#)

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Lansing State Journal: Ricky Holland's biological mother may allow relative to adopt her sixth child; Mother may release rights to sixth child

"A distant relative has come forward and wants to adopt Ricky Holland's biological mother's sixth child.... Probate Judge George Economy adjourned the case until Oct. 3 to allow [Casey Caswell and her husband, Matthew] time to consider whether they want to permanently release their parental rights."

[Full story](#)

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Lansing State Journal: Dimondale to host 'Meet the Candidates Night' Sept. 26

"The Dimondale Community Development Committee is sponsoring a local Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, Sept. 26 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 162 N. Bridge Street in Dimondale.... Invited are following candidates:... 56th Court Judge: Jan Cunningham; and Steve Freeman."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Taylor mayor says delaying grant to save city money was worth irking judge, paying \$900 personal fine

"Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand says he's glad he held off on accepting a federal grant last month in order to save the city money, even though the move cost him \$900. Lamarand was ordered yesterday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen MacDonald to pay a \$250 fine and \$650 to a city lawyer after being found in contempt of court in August for initially refusing to accept a grant to bring back laid-off firefighters."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Justices examine 'court records' rules at hearing

"A proposed rule that defines 'court records' and 'public records'--and that would govern access to court records--leads the agenda for the Michigan Supreme Court's public administrative hearing on Thursday, Sept. 27."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

PROPOSED COURT RULES DEFINING "COURT RECORDS," GOVERNING PUBLIC ACCESS ON AGENDA FOR SUPREME COURT PUBLIC HEARING

[Press release](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Bloomfield Hills student wins patriotic essay contest

"Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Patriot Week co-founder Oakland Circuit Judge Michael Warren on Monday announced the winners of a statewide essay contest for kids to encourage them to learn about the importance of voting."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Kingsley honored with association's Hilda Gage Award

"Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge James C. Kingsley is the 2012 recipient of the Michigan Judges Association's Hilda Gage Award for Judicial Excellence, MJA President Timothy G. Hicks announced Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Judge bars media from reporting on individual questioning of jurors in Ken Bluew trial

"Attorneys now are individually questioning potential jurors in the trial for the suspended Buena Vista police officer charged with killing the woman who was eight months pregnant with his son. MLive and other media will not be around to report about it."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Sylvia James AGC complaint could lead to loss of law license and stop her run for reelection

"There's more trouble for the embattled former Chief Judge of Inkster's District Court, as Sylvia James now faces a formal complaint from the Attorney Grievance Commission.... Now, James law license could be in jeopardy, which would make her ineligible for the 22nd District Court bench she is seeking in the upcoming November election."

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